

# City of Jacksonville

*117 W. Duval Street  
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## Meeting Minutes

**Monday, June 8, 2026**

**11:00 AM**

**Council Chamber,  
1st Floor, City Hall**

### **Special Investigatory Committee on JEA**

*Council Member Ron Salem, Chair  
Council Member Rory Diamond  
Council Member Ju 'Coby Pittman*

*Legislative Asst: Rebecca Bolton  
Council Research: Colleen Hampsey  
Auditor: Kim Taylor, Council Auditor  
Auditor: Brian Parks  
OGC: Mary Staffopoulos, Deputy  
Legislative Counsel: Jason Teal*

Meeting Convened: 11:00 am Meeting Adjourned: 12:04 pm

Attendance: Committee Members Salem and Pittman; CP Carrico; CVP Howland, CM J. Carlucci

Also: Phillip Peterson and Brian Parks, Auditor's Office; Mary Staffopoulos, OGC; Jason Teal, Legislative Counsel; Colleen Hampsey, Council Research

**I. Call to Order and Introductions**

**Chair Salem convened the meeting and called for introductions.**

**II. Combined Cycle Presentation – JEA Employees**

**The Chair administered the swearing in of Jody Brooks, JEA. Ms. Brooks gave a presentation about the combined cycle plant planned for the former St. Johns River Power Park. She provided detail on the history of the project and the need for the facility and the additional capacity. She said that a combined cycle has been a recommendation since 2012. Ms. Brooks said she is a champion for this project, though not the project leader. She describe the RFP process, wherein 2 bids were received and the highest ranked vendor was GE Vernova. Ms. Brooks compared the benefits and detriments between the combined cycle facility and a power purchase agreement. She talked about the reservation agreement to secure the turbines from the vendor, and she spoke about the regulatory steps required for the project.**

**III. Q & A from Committee**

**Ms. Brooks fielded questions from the committee. Chair Salem asked whether the cost for the reservation of the turbines could be refunded if the project was not approved by the Public Service Commission. She indicated that the turbines could be "assigned" to another party under that circumstance. Chair Salem asked about the likelihood of PSC approval and Ms. Brooks said it seems favorable. CM Salem mentioned that JEA Board meetings are streamed and recorded but that JEA workshops are not available for the public to watch. He expressed his wish for all JEA meetings to be made available.**

**Mr. Teal asked Ms. Brooks a series of questions about this project. He asked about one on one meetings with JEA Board members about the combined cycle facility, and who was in attendance for those meetings. Mr. Teal mentioned several other JEA projects that were presented to the TEU Committee and inquired as to why the combined cycle project was not presented. He asked whether the other JEA projects involved pre-payment based on the speculation of regulatory approval. Ms. Brooks said the projects that Mr. Teal mentioned included a commitment but not necessarily an advanced payment.**

**Chair Salem administered the oath to Kevin Holbrooks, JEA. Mr. Holbrooks talked about the reasons that the combined cycle project involved a payment to reserve the necessary turbines, which are quantity limited and have a waiting list, as required for the need determination application. Mr. Teal asked about the timeline, and why the turbines were needed earlier. Ms. Brooks talked about the waiting list and how delaying could increase project costs and the time for completion.**

**CM Salem asked about JEA Board approval for this project and Ms. Brooks said the project was approved and any cost increases would also have to be approved. CM Pittman asked about resiliency and public input. Chair Salem administered the oath to Greg Corcoran, JEA. Mr. Corcoran spoke about a public meeting held in February related to the combined cycle project. There was further discussion about how all JEA public meetings should be accessible via streaming.**

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